

Application No. 09/539,210
Response to Final Office Action

Customer No. 01933

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the charge accumulating periods for the rows are set to have a period equal to one of: (i) a sum of a read pulse interval for each row and a pulse width of the pre-charge pulse, and (ii) a sum of an integer multiple of a read pulse interval and the pulse width of the pre-charge pulse.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 1 is fully supported by the disclosure in the specification at page 24, line 8 to page 25, line 5. In particular, the amendment to claim 1 is supported by formula (6) at page 25, line 5, whereby the charge accumulating period T_a is equal to the sum of: (a) read pulse interval T_{delay} times an integer k and (b) pre-charge period T_{prch} .

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendment to claim 1 be approved and entered under 37 CFR 1.116.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that claim 1, and claims 2-5 and 7-13 depending therefrom, now fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection thereunder be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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